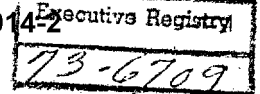


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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF LABOR
THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION,
AND WELFARE
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: Coordination and Clearance of Statements
Concerning Foreign Policy

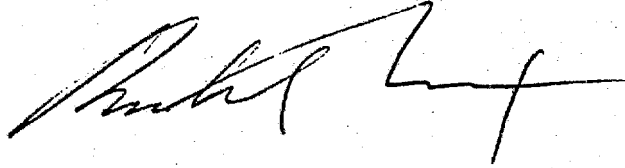
In September 1969, I directed that all policy statements by departments and agencies relating to foreign policy should be cleared at the White House (Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs). This policy was intended to insure consistency in our statements on foreign policy and to insure that statements were properly coordinated with those departments and agencies sharing overlapping interests and responsibilities in foreign affairs.

In view of the widening involvement of departments and agencies in matters relating to foreign policy, I wish to restate my desire that all statements containing definite or potential national security implications be cleared at the White House (Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs). Should there be any uncertainty with respect to a

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position or statement, it should be resolved in favor of clearance.
Only in this way can we assure the orderly development of an effective
and comprehensive national security policy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. L. ...", is written in the center of the page.

cc: Director, ACTION
Chairwoman, AEC
Director, ACDA
Administrator, NASA
Director, USIA
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